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## GuideStone offers 2011 tax guide

**DALLAS (Special)** — Ministers can find additional help in preparing their 2010 federal income tax returns from GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The annual 2011 Tax Return Preparation and Federal Reporting Guide details recent changes to tax laws and the effects on ministers. The guide includes important tax law changes signed into law by U.S. President Barack Obama in December. The tax guide can be obtained in PDF format from the GuideStone website, [www.GuideStone.org/taxguide](http://www.GuideStone.org/taxguide). GuideStone participants can order a free printed copy by calling Customer Service at (888) 98-GUIDE between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CST Monday-Friday.

## Eliff nominated to be IMB president

RICHMOND, Va. (BP and local reports) — Thomas (Tom) D. Eliff, 66, longtime Oklahoma pastor, Southern Baptist Convention president, and former missionary, is the unanimous recommendation of a 15-member trustee search committee to be the next president of International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The nomination of Eliff — who served about two years as a field missionary in Zimbabwe with his wife Jeannie in the early 1980s — will be presented to the full board of trustees for consideration and a possible vote when they meet March 15-16 in Dallas.

If elected, Eliff would succeed Mississippian Jerry Rankin as leader of the mission board, which coordinates the work of more than 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries worldwide. Veteran missionary and executive vice president Clyde Meador currently serves as interim president.

Rankin, a native of Clinton and Tupelo and graduate of Baptist-affiliated Mississippi College in Clinton, retired as IMB president July 31, 2010, after 17 years at the helm. He and his wife Bobbye now live in Clinton.

IMB trustee chairman Jimmy Pritchard, who has led the presidential search committee throughout its selection process, announced the nomination Feb. 17. He said Eliff emerged as the committee's clear and unanimous choice in January.

"Throughout the process, we talked to some great and godly men, but we just could not get a sense of God's peace about any one of them," said Pritchard, pastor of First Church in Forney, Texas.

"When Dr. Eliff's name came before us, we had a subtle sense of God's Spirit speaking to our hearts. That may sound mystical, but that's really what happened... Every one of us senses that God spoke and said, 'This is the moment you've been praying for. Here is your man,'" Pritchard said.

Eliff, a Texas native, was twice elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1996 and 1997, and also served as president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in 1990. He has led several

churches, including First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Ok., where he was pastor for 20 years.

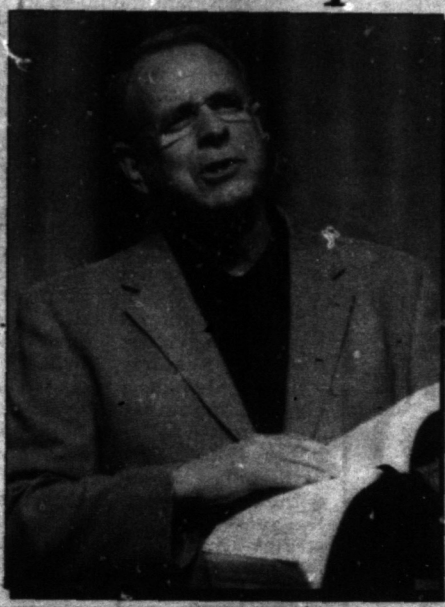
From 2005-09, Eliff served as IMB senior vice president for spiritual nurture and church relations. In that role, he taught and counseled missionaries and helped mobilize churches for mission involvement. Currently he leads Living in The Word Publications, a writing and speaking ministry he founded in 2005.

He frequently speaks about spiritual awakening and family life in churches and conferences through the United States and abroad.

Eliff brings a wealth of gifts and experience to the challenging task of leading Southern Baptists' international mission work in the coming years, and has lived in "many different worlds" in Southern Baptist life, Pritchard said.

"He has heard God's call to missions as a field missionary. He has pastored some of our best churches. He was president of our convention for two years. He worked at the vice presidential level with IMB," Pritchard said, "so he is uniquely prepared, his integrity is unquestioned, and I believe that he will be able to help connect all of our entities together. He has great relationship with our seminary presidents and with the North American Mission Board."

Reached for comment, Eliff asked Southern Baptists to pray for him, his wife and family, and for IMB trustees as they consider his nomination.



Eliff

"Both Jeannie and I were incredibly humbled when the search committee approached us," he said. "Obviously, we would not have moved forward to this moment had we not spent a great deal of time in prayer seeking the face of the Lord."

"Now we feel humbled once again that they are going to present us to the board. Along with all the members of the board, we would just encourage people to pray with us during these days."

Born in Paris, Texas, Eliff is a third-generation Southern Baptist pastor. The Eliffs, who married in 1966, have four grown children and 25 grandchildren.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ar.; a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth; and a doctor of ministry degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He led several churches while in college and seminary and was pastor of Eastwood Church in Tulsa, Ok., for nearly a decade before being appointed with his wife as missionaries to Zimbabwe in 1981. They served in the East African nation for about two years, but resigned in 1983 after their teenage daughter Beth was seriously injured in a car accident there.

After they returned to the United States, Eliff led Applewood Church in Lakewood, Co., before being called to First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, where he was pastor from 1985 to 2005.



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## Church: holy ground or mere meeting hall?

As site work proceeds in Highway 51 just north of Madison for Mississippi's 17th mosque, stories continue to crop up about how progressively accommodating we Christians have become toward the followers of Islam.

An article by Lauren Green on FoxNews.com reveals that at least two United Methodist churches — one of which is located just a few miles from the Mississippi border — are allowing Muslims to use their church facilities for prayers to Allah and other religious activities.

Heartsong Church in Cordova, Tenn., just outside Memphis, welcomed members of the Memphis Islamic Center to hold Ramadan observances in their facilities last year, and Aldersgate Methodist Church in Alexandria, Va., permits the Islamic Circle of North America to hold regular Friday prayers while their new mosque is being built nearby.

Heartsong's senior pastor, Steve Stone, recently told Christianity Today magazine subscribers that, "No thought was given to the political ramifications. The decision was firmly based on our understanding of the mission and nature of the church."

Stone is not related to the Steve Stone who serves the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as associate executive director for church growth.

Jason Micheli, Aldersgate's pastor, echoes the Heartsong pastor's sentiments. He is quoted in a separate Christianity Today article by Jason B. Hood: "When we say that Jesus is the only way to the Father, we don't just mean our belief in Jesus is the only way to the Father. We also mean Jesus' way of life is the only way we manifest the Father's love. That we would welcome Muslim strangers into our sacred space with no strings attached is not a reduction of what we believe about Jesus (or a betrayal); it is, I think, the fullest possible expression of what we believe about Jesus."

## Move to defund Planned Parenthood passes first vote

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The U.S. House of Representatives voted Feb. 18 to eliminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the country's No. 1 abortion provider, during the remainder of this federal fiscal year.

In a 240-185 roll call, the House acted to cut off all federal government money for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its 102 affiliates through Sept. 30. Planned Parenthood and its affiliates received \$363.2 million in government grants and contracts during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Some of that total came from state and local governments.

Mississippi congressmen who voted in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood were Alan Nunnelee of the first district and Steven Palazzo of the fourth district. Both are Republicans. Democrat Bennie Thompson of the second district voted against the defunding. Third District Rep. Gregg Harper, a Republican, was listed as not voting.

It is apparently the first time a chamber of Congress has ever voted to defund the organization, which recorded more than 324,000 abortions at its clinics in 2008, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

"THIS NEW PARLOR GAME IS ALL THE RAGE AMONG MY FRIENDS! IT'S CALLED NAME THAT DOCTRINE!"



Not so fast, says Mike Huckabee, the FoxNews television host and former governor of Arkansas who holds degrees from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ar., and Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

"Is there a reason to say that the people who donated, who gave, who sacrificed to give that facility really ever intended it to be a place where something that is the antithesis of the Gospel of Christ would be presented?" he asked during a recent broadcast of the Fox and Friends show on Fox News Network.

"If the purpose of a church is to push forth the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and then you have a Muslim group that says Jesus Christ and all the people that follow Him are a bunch of infidels who should be essentially obliterated, I guess I have a hard time understanding that," said the former Southern Baptist pastor and potential presidential candidate in 2012.

Green's article on FoxNews.com, however, points out that the trend is likely to pick up speed as the U.S. Muslim population continues to grow. She writes, "Mosque construction is at an all-time high. As of September, there were 1,897 mosques in the United States, a 57% increase since 2,000."

Absent from any of the articles reporting these events is whether a Christian witness was presented to the Muslim visitors. That's every believer's responsibility, of course, but it can be assumed from the respectful tone of the two church pastors that such was not the case. Micheli's comments indicate the Muslim worshippers were welcomed with "no strings attached."

There is such a thing as holy ground. Whatever form our outreach takes toward Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, Rastafarians, Zoroastrians, or any other group, let us never forget that our overarching goal is help them find their way to Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who was sent to save the world. No compromising, no minimizing. It is the rock on which our faith endures forever. (Matthew 28:18-20). It is our mission in life.

Else, we have failed our Lord and Savior. God forbid that should ever happen with Mississippi Baptists.

Representatives added the Planned Parenthood amendment to a continuing resolution to extend funding for federal agencies in the absence of a 2011 budget. Congress failed to pass a budget last year, adopting instead a resolution that continued funding for the federal government through March 4.

Pro-life advocates applauded passage of the amendment. Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) the amendment's sponsor, described the vote as "a victory for taxpayers and a victory for life. By banning federal funding to Planned Parenthood, Congress has taken a stand for millions of Americans who believe their tax dollars should not be used to subsidize the largest abortion provider in America."

Douglas Johnson, the National Right to Life Committee's legislative director, said the "landmark vote demonstrates that most House members now recognize Planned Parenthood is a hyper-political, under-regulated, out-of-control megamarker of abortion as a method of birth control."

Southern Baptist ethicist Richard Land wrote the House leadership Feb. 16 to urge support for Pence's amendment and other pro-life legislation in the continuing resolution. "We do not believe the government should be in the business of supporting the nation's leading abortion provider with taxpayer dollars, no matter how Planned Parenthood allocates the money," said Land, president of Southern Baptists' Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) in Nashville.

Pence's amendment, as well as the continuing resolution of which it is a part, faces an uphill battle in the Senate, and the House still had more than 100 amendments proposed to the continuing resolution the afternoon of Feb. 18 before a vote on final passage could be taken.

"Nobody is saying that Planned Parenthood can't be the leading advocate of abortion on demand in America," Pence said, "but why do I have to pay for it? Nobody is saying that Planned Parenthood can't continue to be the largest abortion provider in America, but why do tens of millions of pro-life taxpayers have to pay for it?"

House approval of the amendment followed nearly three weeks of damaging publicity for Planned Parenthood.

Hidden-camera videos, secretly recorded by a pro-life group named Live Action at the organization's clinics and released Feb. 1-8, showed employees demonstrating an apparent willingness to aid sex traffickers whose prostitutes are in their early teens.

Pence has been working to cut federal funding for Planned Parenthood in recent years. Two previous attempts to eliminate grants for the organization under the Title X program failed. His proposals to that effect failed by a 231-189 vote in 2007 and by 247-183 in 2009.

Title X is the federal government's family planning program, and Planned Parenthood is the leading recipient of Title X funds. Although Title X funds do not go directly for abortions, pro-life advocates contend federal money frees up other contributions to Planned Parenthood for the promotion and performance of abortions.

In an undercover investigation Live Action conducted by telephone, Planned Parenthood workers in seven states were caught on audio tape agreeing to receive donations designated for abortions of African-American babies.

## Unrest around world opens opportunities

JOHANNESBURG (BP) — As uprisings in parts of Africa and the Middle East continue to escalate, many Christians are seeing God make Himself known in the midst of chaos.

Pro-democracy protests have swept through several Arab nations, with the presidents of Tunisia and Egypt forced to resign amid growing unrest.

Most recently, activists in Libya, Iran, and Bahrain are clashing with the police and military as they seek political reform.

Former International Mission Board (IMB) missionary Mike Edens, associate dean of graduate studies and professor at New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS), believes Christians all over the world can make a difference in this time of unrest.

"We who are outside of the situation pray for and are partners with people inside the situation, and God is working through both of us to make Himself known," Edens said.

### Desperate for prayer

An Egyptian Christian monitoring the situation said it is difficult to know what's really going on in his country. "The protest started as [a] real people's revolution — it was the farmers, the poor workers, the true Egyptians asking for change, because they cannot take it any longer," he said.

It is as if "evil was unleashed on Egypt," he continued, with freed prisoners and thugs — believed by some to be from the secret police — taking to the streets to kill, steal, and destroy.

"The church is confused in Egypt — not sure how to pray," he said. "...We don't know if change is going to be good or worse. [We] need wisdom and revelation to move at this opportune time in strategic prayers led by the Holy Spirit."

The Egyptian man asked for prayer for peace and security to return to the streets of Egypt and for wisdom for Christians to speak truth to churches and to the nation.

### Secession in Sudan

Believers in Sudan, a country divided between the northern and southern regions, also are relying on God during a crucial time for their nation. A Jan. 9-15 referendum in southern Sudan yielded a nearly unanimous vote that the south secede from the north.

One southern Sudanese woman who voted in the referendum said the secession will be a historic breakthrough and believes this is all part of God's will. "From the very beginning of this struggle the people of southern Sudan have been equal, and I think God had a plan for us," the woman said. "I think God was working all this time and I think this is God's work in these days."

President Omar Hassan al-Bashir has reigned in Sudan for more than 20 years and threatened if the south secedes he will implement Islam as the national religion in the north, Arabic as the national language, and a stricter form of Shariah, the sacred law of Islam.



PRAYING FOR NATION — Nigerian pastors gather to pray for their nation, which has been plagued with religious, ethnic, and economic violence for more than a century. In the past decade, numerous churches have been burned and hundreds of Christians killed. (BP photo)

Such action would result in women being required to wear head scarves, thieves' hands being cut off, and increased persecution for Christians.

Salva Kiir Mayardit, president of the Government of Southern Sudan, is encouraging southerners to not be complacent in this time, but "to harness the full potential of the natural resources God has given them to satisfy all their needs," according to the official Government of Southern Sudan website.

The southern referendum failed to address issues such as the boundary between the north and south, citizenship, oil revenues the north collects from oil wells in the south, and the continuing conflict in Darfur, where an estimated 500,000 people have died and more than one million more have been displaced.

Despite these uncertainties, Calvin Lutsk (not his real name), an IMB missionary for sub-Saharan Africa, believes the situation in Sudan is improving. "For a long time civil war in Sudan seemed inevitable, but [things] have turned for the better," Lutsk said.

National believers from southern Sudan who voted in the referendum said they are praying they can secede peacefully.

### Nigerian bloodshed

Conflict between the north and south also has plagued oil-rich Nigeria for more than a century.

Centered between a Muslim north and a Christian south, the city of Jos is caught in the middle as the two sides battle.

Homes, churches, and mosques in Jos have been burned and thousands of Christians and Muslims have been killed.

Matilda Bryson (not her real name), an IMB missionary in Nigeria, said there are only limited chances for reaching out to Muslims because of safety factors. "It is very dangerous for a Christian to even travel into a Muslim neighborhood right now," she said.

Bryson said she is proud of the response of individual Nigerian Baptist church members offering aid and a place to stay for those who are displaced. "All the churches are praying for peace," she said.

"The pastors and church leaders are preaching on the proper Christian response to violence..."

Bryson asks Southern Baptists to pray that violence will not lead to more violence in the country.

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

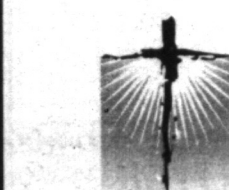
The Baptist Hour radio program hosted by Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, receives the National Religious Broadcasters Milestone Award.

### 20 years ago

Fragments of Scud or Patriot missiles from the Gulf War strike the home of Southern Baptist workers Ray and Suzanne Altman in the Baptist Village, a conference center in Petah Tiqva, Israel. The complex is about eight miles from an urban area repeatedly struck by Iraqi Scud missiles.

### 30 years ago

More than 1,250 are in attendance for the opening session of the statewide Training Union Enlargement Clinic and Leadership Workshop held at First Church, Jackson.



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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: First Peter Two: Twenty-One

## REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. **Philadelphia Church, Etta:** Revival, Feb. 27 - Mar. 2; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly; P. J. Scott, speaker; Ray Nicholas, music; Bobby Irvin, pastor.
2. **Society Hill Church, Oakvale,** has informed The Record that last week's revival announcement should be retracted.
3. **First Church, Belzoni:** 125th anniversary, Mar. 27, 10 a.m. - noon; lunch follows celebration service.
4. **Unity Church, Moselle:** Revival, Mar. 6 - 11, 7 p.m.; Donnie Guy, speaker; Bob Thames and church choir, music.

## PRAYER POINT - WHEN YOUR PRAYERS SEEM SMALL

Elijah was a great prayer servant of God. One of the most encouraging things about Elijah was the fact that James tells us, "He was a man of like passions as we are" (James 5:17). Elijah was a human being like us with all of the fears, faults, and failures that we may have. He was wrapped in all of the purpose, possibilities, and potential that we can experience in the Lord. He was just one of us, but he prayed and things happened.

He prayed that fire would fall from heaven and it did. He prayed that it would not rain and it did not. He prayed that rain would return and it did. One of the most remarkable moments in Elijah's life was that day that he stood looking out across the Mediterranean Sea as the drought continued. He began to pray and to send his servant to look to see if there were any clouds gathering. There weren't and he continued to pray. The servant went again to look and there was nothing. He continued to pray, the servant continued to go and look, and finally he came and reported to his master that way out on the horizon he saw a cloud about the size of a man's hand. Elijah said, "Let's go! Get the word out. It is about to rain."

So many of you have joined together in this prayer experience of *Covering Mississippi in Prayer* that involves us looking inside ourselves and asking God to have His will both inside and outside. It may not seem very important to you or even if it seems important, it may seem like nothing much is happening. Well, think about this prayer experience of Elijah.

First, I would like for you to consider that what may seem small to us may be big to God. As the servant explained to Elijah, there was

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## Prayer Points

a cloud the size of a man's hand. Just imagine looking out across the Mediterranean Sea and seeing something off in the distance that is just a puff of vapor, a small cloud. It wasn't a thunderstorm. It was just a cloud, about the size of a man's hand, and it seemed to be hanging there in the sky. Sometimes when God is up to something really big, it looks really small to mankind.

The largest recorded miracle that Jesus ever performed started out as a small lunch basket that held five loaves and two little fish. The greatest revival recorded in the Scripture began as a reluctant preacher came walking into town saying, "Yet 40 days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." The greatest appearance of God in history began with a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. We tend to see God doing something that does not appear bombastic or overwhelmingly impressive, and we just shrug and brush it off.

What would happen if a smattering of people across Mississippi began fervently praying for God to work? Could God begin to move in our state? Could He begin to move mightily in our nation? The magnitude of what will happen will depend not on the smallness of you and me but on the bigness of our great God.

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*A second thought to consider about this prayer event is that little is much when God is in it. You and I have sung that. We say that and we even believe that, but we rise from our prayers to look at the enormity of the task and realize that it cannot be done. Wait a minute, there is a cloud the size of a man's hand moving across the horizon. Even though it had not rained in years, Elijah knew that little is much when God is in it.*

*A third prayer point that cannot be overlooked is this great truth that when God begins to move we are to move with Him. The seventh time the servant came back he said to Elijah, "There is a small cloud, but a cloud." Elijah rose up from prayer and said to the servant, "Let's go! The rain is on the way!" Prayer is not just a mental exercise or even spiritual calisthenics that we just kind of exercise our thoughts toward God. Prayer does not conclude with us just finishing the prayer and saying Amen and going on with life. Prayer concludes in obedience to God. That is why in the book of Isaiah, Chapter*

6, when Isaiah meets with God the Word comes back, "Whom shall I send and who shall go for us?" Isaiah responded to heaven with those incredible words, "Here am I. Send me!"

The final moment of worship is not a great song, hearing a great sermon, or even giving an offering. It is the place of submission and the yielding of your life and mine to Him. It is the same kind of moment that came in the life of the great Apostle Paul when as an unbeliever he was lashing out against people, the church, and Jesus. Then he came to the confrontation with our Lord on the road to Damascus. It was there blinded by the brilliance of Jesus Himself that he said, "Lord, what would you have me to do?"

Committing to pray for our state every morning before 8 o'clock is a call to which thousands have responded, but now what do we do? What would God have you to do? Is there someone who is waiting to hear your witness in order to feel His love? Is there an act or an offering, a mission or a ministry, to which He has called you and you have not surrendered? When you say, "Yes," like Elijah, you can be assured that the raindrops of God's grace, mercy, love, and power are about to fall.

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# HOUSE TOPS

Matthew 10:27 NAS

February 24, 2011

HouseTops is a Baptist Record supplement produced by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Communication Services.

**Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF) Annual Meeting**  
Shreveport Convention Center  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
April 7-10, 2011

"Unhindered As We Hold These Truths"



Keynote Speakers: Debby Akerman,  
National WMU President, and  
Anne Fortenberry, DNS, RN

Six CEUs can be earned by attending

For more information contact: National WMU, PO Box 830010, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010

**MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES FELLOWSHIP**  
Spring Meeting... April 16, 2011

Unhindered...  
to the Ends of the Earth



"Let us throw off everything that hinders...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Hebrews 12:1)

**WHAT:** FALL FELLOWSHIP - Saturday, April 16, 2011  
8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch

**WHERE:** The Auditorium on the campus of GARAYWA Camp & Conference Center

**WHO:** All former and currently active Missionaries (IMB & NAMB), including J. Arneyman, ISCBers, Mission Service Corps Missionaries, volunteers & Adults MKs.

**COST:** No Charge for lunch, refreshments or program expenses!

**LODGING:** There is a charge for lodging. If you need Friday night lodging, please check the prices and enclose the total amount. PLEASE - If you make a reservation and you cannot come, let us know!

**SPECIAL GUEST: Dr. Jerry Rankin,**  
former President, International Mission Board

## PROGRAM

8:30 - REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS, FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 - WORSHIP  
10:15 - BREAK  
10:45 - TIME FOR QUESTIONS!  
11:30 - PROGRAM  
12:00 - PRAYER CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
12:30 - LUNCH

MMF Coordinator: Mary Jo Stewart, 104 Waterfall Way, Clinton, MS 39056  
Telephone: 601-924-2355 Email: [stewart2007@bellsouth.net](mailto:stewart2007@bellsouth.net)

MMF, MMF, & MKF are ministries sponsored by Edwina Robinson Special Day Offering Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to and department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Mid-Delta FamilyFEST

July 20-24, 2011  
(Cleveland, Greenwood, Indianola area)



FamilyFEST is a hands-on missions project designed to help families connect with one another while doing missions/ministry together. Any missions volunteers - six years and older - are encouraged to participate.

The cost is \$25 per individual or a maximum of \$50 per family (immediate family - parents and their children). The cost includes: registration fee, t-shirt, event insurance, some supplies, some meals. Additional cost will include: some project supplies, meals, and housing. We are working on affordable housing options.

To receive a registration packet for this event, contact Tammy Anderson in the Mississippi WMU office (800-748-1651, ext. 323, or 601-292-3323 or [tanderson@mbcb.org](mailto:tanderson@mbcb.org)).

FamilyFEST is co-sponsored by the Mid-Delta Baptist Association, Men's Ministry (MBCB) and Mississippi WMU (MBCB).

## Covering Our Missionary Children in Prayer

Mississippi Missionary Parents Fellowship Spring Retreat  
(Please register by Friday, April 8, 2011)

Register for meals, even if you do not require lodging. We need an accurate count for meal preparations.

Please mail registration form along with payment to:  
Mississippi Missionary Parents' Fellowship, April 15-16, 2011  
Garaywa Camp and Conference Center  
312 Camp Garaywa Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

601-924-7034 or e-mail [ADPungan@mbcb.org](mailto:ADPungan@mbcb.org)  
Please remember that no reservations can be made over the phone. Make your check payable to Garaywa Camp and Conference Center.

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# 2011 PREACHING CONFERENCE



## Featured Presenters:

Daniel Caldwell  
Ronald Meeks  
Wayne VanHorn  
C. Alan Woodward

Mississippi  
College  
April 18

Blue Mountain  
College  
April 19

William Carey  
University  
April 20

Contact Key McDonald for more info:  
601-292-3305 or kmcdonnell@mbcb.org

## Pastor's Workshop

April 11, 2011  
9:00 a.m. - noon  
Baptist Building  
Skyroom



Woodward

THEME: "Coaching"  
Led by Alan Woodward

Contact Key McDonald for more info: 601-292-3305 or kmcdonnell@mbcb.org

## Pastors/Ministers of Education/ Sunday School Directors Conference

Pastors, Ministers of Education, and Sunday  
School Directors of any size church

Are you tired of "business as usual," doing the  
same thing and getting same results, but not  
moving forward?

Well... here is your chance to hear from a pastor  
and his minister of education who have taken  
bold steps of faith to move their church forward  
by prioritizing Sunday School! You will be  
challenged and refreshed by your participation in  
this significant event.

Registration required for meal count.

## 2011 CLM Retreat March 24-26, 2011

"Ministry From the Heart ...  
in Prayer for Mississippi"

### Guest Speaker

**TERRI BLACKSTOCK** has had 25 years  
of success as a novelist. She makes her home in  
Mississippi, where she and her husband, Ken, are  
enjoying their empty nest after raising three children.

Since Blackstock made her commitment to write books that glorify God,  
He has opened door after door for her. She is excited about using her gift to  
challenge other Christians and point unbelievers to Him.

Communication Services: 601-292-3378 or jchen@mbcb.org



## Church Facilities & Furnishings Workshop



March 22, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Parkway Baptist Church  
802 North Frontage Road  
Clinton

For pastors, staff members, building committees, long-range planning  
committees, business administrators and maintenance/property personnel.

For more info, contact Keith Gordon  
at kgordon@mbcb.org or 601-292-3307 or 1-800-748-1651, ext. 307



## VBS CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

6:30 p.m. Worship Rally  
7-9 p.m. Conferences

### CONFERENCES

- Preschool and Children
- Pastors, Evangelism  
and General Officers
- Children's Rotation: Missions,  
Music, Crafts, Snacks
- Club VBS: Beach Blast
- Conferences also offered for  
non-LifeWay users.

April 12, 2011

Brooksville BC, Macon  
Liberty BC, Liberty  
FBC, Cleveland

April 14, 2011

Gaston BC, Booneville  
Parkway BC, Kosciusko  
Temple West BC, Hattiesburg

For more information contact Angie Boydston at  
aboydstun@mbcb.org or  
Lee Ann Boykin at lboykin@mbcb.org  
or call 1-800-748-1651, ext. 292, or 601-292-3307

## MISSISSIPPI KIDS CAMP 2011

## Broadcasting Grace & Truth

Central Hills  
Baptist Retreat  
Kosciusko, Miss.

Week I - June 20-22, 2011  
Week II - June 23-25, 2011

COST: \$150

FOR KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 2-6

For registration information, please contact  
MBCB Conference Office at (601) 292-3216.

Registration begins on February 1, 2011

## "Refreshing Childlike Faith"



Preschool & Children's Minister Retreat  
May 2-3, 2011  
Garaywa Camp & Conference Center

A Retreat for Professional  
Preschool and Children's Ministers in Mississippi.

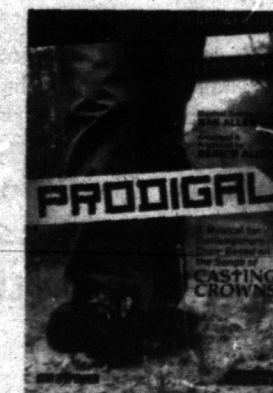
### Highlights:

- Program Guest: Tommy Sanders, Childhood Ministries,  
Dallas Baptist University
- Guided Prayer Experience
- Round Robin Table Discussions

For more information please contact Robin Keels, 601-292-3322, rkeels@mbcb.org  
Or Angie Boydston, 601-292-3294, aboydstun@mbcb.org

Preschool & Children's Minister Retreat is sponsored by the Children's Team of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

HeartSong Music & Worship Arts Camp  
For 6th-12th Graders  
William Carey University, Hattiesburg  
June 21-25, 2011



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Worship - Mission Opportunities  
Family Groups - Talent Show - Karaoke  
Classes: Praise Band, Voice, Guitar,  
Art, Photography, Keyboard,  
Handbells, Sound Tech, Media,  
Drama, Miss. Baptist All-State Youth  
Choir & Orchestra Prep and more.

### COST:

\$167 per participant  
on campus  
\$30 per commuting student  
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Upon Request

INFO: 601-968-3800 • www.mbc.org • scluttrell@bellsouth.net



## 2011 MBCB Emphasis Covering MS in Prayer Associational Prayer Rallies



## Special three month prayer emphasis for HouseTops

"These all continued in one accord in prayer..." Acts 1:14 KJV

Monday, February 28

- Booneville - 11 a.m.
- Iuka - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1

- Corinth - 9 a.m.
- Ashland - 11 a.m.
- Ripley - 2 p.m.
- New Albany - 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 3

- Port Gibson - 9 a.m.
- Fayette - 11 a.m.

Monday, March 7

- Waynesboro - 9 a.m.
- Quitman - 11 a.m.
- Meridian - 2 p.m.
- DeKalb - 4 p.m.

Prayer request focus for participants at rallies and for yourself.

### 1. SELF

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me..." Psalm 66:18

### 2. SERVANTS

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

### 3. SOULS

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word..." John 17:20

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matthew 23:37

## Spring Area Senior Adult Rallies

March 8  
FBC, Sumrall  
Call Archie, 601-736-2254  
or TrCounty@cblink.com

March 10  
FBC, Vancleave  
Call Mark, 228-826-5806  
or Mark@fbcvancleave.org

March 28  
West Jackson Street BC, Tupelo  
Call Jim, 662-256-8778  
or Monroe41@bellsouth.net

March 29  
FBC, Meridian  
Call Buddy, 601-938-8668  
or buddymcelroy@bellsouth.net

March 31  
FBC, Madison  
Call Mark, 601-856-6177  
or mcoon@fbcmadison.org

April 21  
FBC, Brookhaven  
Call Talmadge, 601-669-6595  
or tamandmolliesmith@ychn.com

## Mother/Daughter Garaywa Overnight for mothers and daughters (grades 1st-6th)

April 1-2

- Meet missionaries
- Worship
- Campfire
- Crafts
- Recreation

For more info: Call MS WMU,  
601-292-3316 or e-mail kreditt@mbcb.org

## SENIOR LIFE CONFERENCES

FIRST CHURCH, TUNICA  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

TOPICS:  
REACHING SENIORS, HOMEBOUND,  
LOVE LANGUAGES FOR GRANDCHILDREN,  
CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENTING  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
662-363-2665

GALVARY CHURCH, GREENVILLE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011

TOPICS:  
TRANSFORMING A SENIOR'S LIFE,  
MINISTRY OF, FOR, AND BY THE  
HOMEBOUND ADULTS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
662-334-4554

# HOUSE TOPS

## COLLEGE NEWS

Mississippi College's (MC) literary magazine, The Arrowhead received a third place award at the 2011 Southern Literary Festival. It's the second year in a row that The Arrowhead has been so honored at the festival that judges student publications in a number of states including Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi.

MC is presenting AM in the PM: An Evening of Radio Drama. The production of the MC Department of Communication is directed by professor Phyllis W. Seawright. Performance dates are February 24, 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and February 27 at 2:30 p.m. with the final performances

March 4-5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for all MC faculty, staff, all students and senior adults. The price is \$7 for general admission. For reservations, call (601) 925-3935.

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM) announces the class officers and the COM Student Government Association (SGA) officers for the 2010-2011 school year. Seth Ladd of Soso is class president; Richard Calderone of Slidell, La., is class vice president; Jessie McCallister of Irving, Texas, is class treasurer; Ryan Taylor of Orlando is class secretary; and Akhila Rajaram of Albany, Ore.,

is class liaison. Jason DeFatta of Hattiesburg is SGA president; Brett Hyatt of Soso is SGA first vice president; Vish Patel of Cullman, Ala., is SGA treasurer; Natasha Batra of Martinez, Ga., is SGA secretary; and BJ Burns of Sparta, Tenn., is SGA second vice president and parliamentarian. Shown, photo 3a, are Calderone, McCallister, Ladd, Rajaram, and Taylor; photo 3b, Patel, Hyatt, DeFatta, Burns, and Batra.



3a. WCU - COM officers

Karen Juneau, assistant professor and chair of career and technical education at William Carey University's Tradition campus, had her most recent book, entitled Engineering Drawing Problems: Workbook Series First Edition to Accompany Technical Drawing with Engineering Graphics, published in January 2011 by Pearson/Prentice Hall. In addition, Juneau has written another book published by Prentice Hall, Engineering Drawing: Problem Series 3, which has been revised for four editions. All of Juneau's books were co-written with a friend and former colleague, Paige Davis. Davis is the Assistant STEP



3b. WCU - COM officers

Coordinator and Construction Management and Industrial Engineering Instructor at Louisiana State University.



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## Class Voice next up in MBCB/ NOBTS series of music courses

March 14 begins the eighth of eight courses at seven locations in Mississippi sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), in cooperation with the Providence Learning Center of New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS).

The eighth course, Class Voice, will meet once a week for two hours for eight consecutive weeks at the following locations and times:

• First Church, Lyman - beginning March 15 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Louis White, teacher. (228) 832-2159

• Northcrest Church, Meridian - beginning March 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Buddy McElroy, teacher. (601) 938-8668

• First Church, Cleveland - beginning March 22 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Alan Berry, teacher. (662) 843-2701.

• Easthaven Church, Brookhaven - beginning

March 21 (7-9 p.m.). Mark Hamilton, teacher. (601) 894-5848.

• First Church, Starkville - beginning March 28 (6:00-8:00 p.m.). Tom Jenkins, teacher. (662) 323-5633.

• First Church, Booneville - beginning March 22 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). LuAnne Ford, teacher. (662) 728-6272.

• Broadmoor Church, Madison - beginning March 28 (6:00-8:00 p.m.). Jimmy McCaleb, teacher. (601) 924-1233.

The eight courses are Song Leading; Worship Planning; Reading Music: Rhythm/Pitch; Reading Music: Harmony/Melody; Hymnology; Music Administration/Staff Relations; Survey of Church Music Resources; and Class Voice.

These courses are designed to provide basic training for bivocational music directors and other music leaders in churches. The eight courses meet two hours per week.

Each course is eight weeks in length.

The cycle of courses is scheduled over a two-year period. Each course is independent and has no prerequisite. Each student who completes the eight courses earns a certificate from the Providence Learning Center of New Orleans Seminary.

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$25.00. The cost of each course is \$125.00. A \$60.00 scholarship is available for all first-time students (students already enrolled are not eligible). The grant is limited to one person per church.

For more information, call the teachers listed above or contact Jimmy McCaleb, MBCB Church Music Department, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3273 or toll free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 273. E-mail: mccaleb@cabinview.net.



# THE VILLAGE VIEW



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## GIFTS OF HONOR AND MEMORY

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful, and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

DECEMBER 1-15, 2010

### MEMORIALS

Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Fortenberry  
Glen & Annette Fortenberry  
Ruby Parker Fortenberry  
Mary Margaret & Fred Tatum  
Linda Foster  
Amite Cnty Class of 1960  
Reunion  
Mr. Jack Fowler  
Jimmy & Susan Hardy  
Merle Gandy  
Geneva Gardner  
Mr. Bobby C. Gardner  
Jack Gardner  
Jerry & Glenda Fry  
Mr. Bill Garner  
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Gene Gelston  
Mrs. Edith M. Aldridge  
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Mrs. Annie Jo Glisson  
Bobby Gene Goodwin  
Mr. & Mrs. Hayes Branscome  
Mrs. Frances Graeber  
Mr. Walter Barbee  
Bill Graves  
Wanda & Gene Fortenberry  
Drs. Glen & Marilyn Graves  
Ms. Twila Rawson  
Beulah Sheffield Green  
Sanford & Kitty Sheffield  
Amanda Callahan Griffin  
Arlington Heights BC  
Pascagoula  
D. C. Griffin  
Ronnie & Cheryl Case  
Margarette Guidry  
Amite Cnty Class of 1960  
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Mrs. A. L. Gerrard  
Jack Harper  
Mr. & Mrs. David W. Powell

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Dale & Sharon Hays  
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Mrs. Bernice Harris  
Jim & June Blair  
Carl Haskins  
Mrs. Tena Haskins  
Carr Haskins  
Mrs. Tena Haskins  
Susan Haskins  
Mrs. Tena Haskins  
Clinton Hathaway  
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Phillip & Melba Heard  
Darnell Heffner  
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Del Hemphill  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy F. Funderburg  
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Mr. & Mrs. Carl E. Howard  
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Mr. & Mrs. Rick Humphreys  
Frances Humphreys  
Phillip & Melba Heard  
Mrs. Willard Ingram  
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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Ivey  
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H. Austin James  
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Mrs. Louise May  
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The Tony Rogers Family  
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## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE God Loves to Welcome Us Home Hosea 13:1-14:9

By Becky Brown

I can't prove this to you (yet), but I can imagine that in some corner coffee shop in Heaven there is a sweet conversation going on between two great men of God. One is named Hosea. The other is named George Matheson. Hosea lived about eight hundred years before Christ. George lived about 1900 years after Christ. We have just learned all about the life and love story of Hosea and his wife, Gomer. The life and love story of George would make Hosea cry empathetic tears of deep understanding.

George was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1842. His eyesight was very poor from birth. He is remembered as the Blind Preacher. By the time he was twenty years old, his meager eyesight was gone.

George was engaged. This love of his life determined that she did not wish to be married to a blind man and decided to cancel their wedding plans. His heart was broken. One of his sisters was very instrumental in helping George navigate daily life tasks and ministry obligations. They were very close. On the night of this dear sister's wedding, Matheson penned the lyrics to a beloved hymn: "Oh, Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be." God is the Love that will not let us go.

Our final lesson for this quarter concludes our study of the book of Hosea. Last week, we saw the depth of the love of God as He grieves for



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those who reject His love. Our Prophet Hosea and Blind Preacher George both felt this deep rejection from earthly loves. Imagine the pain that we bring to God when we reject Him completely or fail to follow Him fully. I believe the Bible teaches that God is always reaching to us, calling us away from the world and into His arms. The wounded arms of Jesus were stretched out on the cross saying, "Come to my Father through Me!" Like the father waiting and watching for the wayward son in Luke 15, God is waiting and watching for us to come home.

In chapter 14 of Hosea, the Lord Himself is calling Israel to return to Him. This Hebrew word for "return" means to go back to square one, to start over. Your sin is the problem. You have stumbled and fallen. Hope is available. God then gives what I

like to call the "Recipe for Restoration." Confess your sins to the Lord. Plead for His mercy. Praise Him for it in advance because He desires to give mercy to us. Determine to trust in God alone. Forsake former failures. Stand firm in His love.

This recipe in Hosea 14 reads just like Romans 10:9-10. The key to returning to the Lord is found in these two passages, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. Sin is the problem in both Testaments. The road home contains the same directional signs. With the heart, we must believe. With the mouth, we must confess. We reach a point where we realize we have separated ourselves from the One who loves us most. His love that will not let us go pleads for our return. We get to choose our response to the yearnings of this great Lover of all mankind.

When we rebel, God reaches. When we repent, God restores. When we return, God receives. When we root

down deeply into the soil of His love, God raises us up tall and green and strong and produces fruits of repentance in our lives. Verses four through seven show us the response of God to returnees: healing provided, love assured, anger turned away, morning dew refreshment. Deep roots descend into the soil of God's love and take hold, pushing up healthy sprouts which lead to blossoms producing beautiful fruit filled with fragrance of life. In scripture, the condition of grain in the fields, oil from the olive tree and the fruit of the vineyard revealed the state of the land of Israel. Feast or famine was determined by the availability of these three staples.

The Gardener of Eden knelt in Gethsemane in preparation for Golgotha and the trip through Garden Tomb to Glory. He is the Lover of your soul. How could you even imagine turning Him away?

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## EXPLORE THE BIBLE Keep Hope Alive 2 Kings 24:12-13, 19-20; 25:8-11, 27-30

By Dr. W. Wayne VanHorn

Our final lesson for 1 & 2 Kings focuses upon keeping hope alive. When King Josiah was killed by Pharaoh Neco at Megiddo in 609 B.C., Judah lost her last good king. Josiah's three sons and one grandson, made up the quartet of rulers that guided the southern kingdom over the final quarter century of the kingdom. Unfortunately, all four men did what was evil in the Lord's eyes. Jehoahaz only reigned three months before Neco deported him to Egypt. His brother Jehoikim reigned 11 years. He is the king that gave Jeremiah so much trouble. When he died, his son, Jehoiachin, took the throne only to be deported to Babylon three months later. His uncle, Zedekiah became the last king of Judah, ruling 11 years.

Why all the devastation? The people of God, like their leaders,

refused to repent of their sins, and ignored prophetic warnings of impending doom. When the defeats and deportations began, the inspired writer of 2 Kings summed up by saying this happened "As the LORD had declared" (2 Kings 24:13; NIV). Zedekiah, the final king of Judah did evil in the Lord's sight, kindling the Lord's anger. Ultimately, the Lord banished Jerusalem and Judah from His presence (2 Kings 24:19-20). With the spiritual tie completely broken, Zedekiah was forced to rely on his own, misguided wisdom. He rebelled against the king of Babylon, setting in motion the concluding actions in the final chapter of Judah's history as a nation.

During this period, the Babylonians deported key people from Judah to Babylon.



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In 605 B.C., Daniel and his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, were deported. Eight years later, King Jehoiachin and many wealthy people were deported. Ezekiel was among the deportees in 597 B.C. The Babylonians also carted off the treasures of the temple. The third deportation came when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. In this fateful year, the Babylonians, led by Nebuchadnezzar, burned the Lord's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:9). The walls of Jerusalem were torn down (2 Kings 25:10) and the rest of the people were deported (2 Kings 25:11).

What about you? Do you live with the delusion that you can sin and never pay the price for that sin? Have you ever found yourself criticizing the preacher for speaking against something

that you were doing wrong? When we refuse to repent of our sins, we flirt with disaster. God is gracious to forewarn us; He is also patient in waiting for us to respond. However, excessive delay on our part will hasten the inevitable. God always judges sin.

The long history, extending from Joshua to 2 Kings, began with the covenant people's entrance into the promised land, included the period of judges, relayed the development of the monarchy, and described the collapse of both Israel and Judah. If that history had ended with the downfall of Judah and the deportation of her remaining citizens, the story would be one of despair. Instead, the inspired writer chose to conclude the history with a brief paragraph about the release of King Jehoiachin from Babylonian prison (2 Kings 25:27-30). Sometime around 560 B.C., King Evil-Merodach of Babylon, released Jehoiachin and restored to him privileges of being a king. He gave him status (2 Kings 25:28), proper clothing and food (2 Kings 25:29), and a

royal allowance for the rest of his life (2 Kings 25:30).

What are we to make of this propitious turn of events that concludes 2 Kings? First, we should see that no matter how bad things become, better days are ahead. Second, since Jehoiachin was a direct descendant of David, we can see how God was keeping His promises to David. Third, we can see how God was actively involved in every aspect of His people's lives. Fourth, we discern that God disciplines His people when they sin, but He also restores them when the time is right.

As we conclude our study of 1 & 2 Kings, how can we keep hope alive? We can keep hope alive by realizing all true hope abides with God. When we consciously choose to live in ways pleasing to Him, we abide where hope lives. If we mess up, we can count on God to discipline us in beneficial ways. We also can count on Him to restore us.

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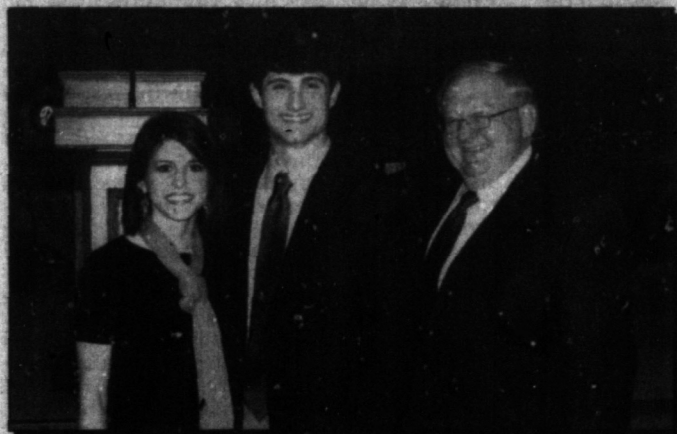
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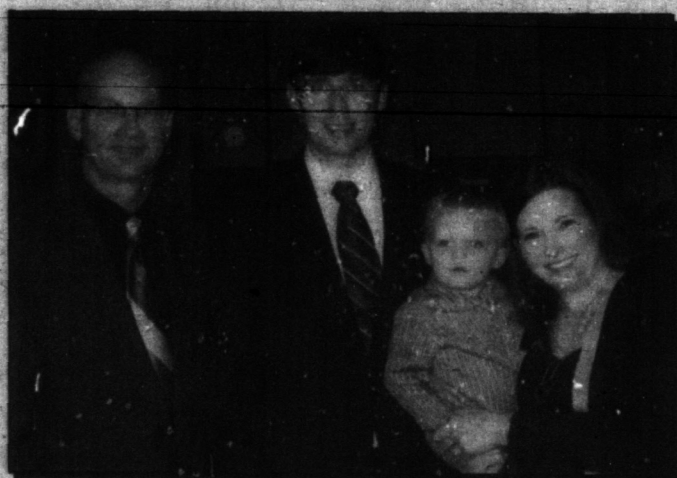
1. The Walkers



2. First Church, Vicksburg



3. Ackerman Church, Ackerman



4. Tackitt ordination

1. Fairview Church, Columbus, ordained Christopher "Kyle" Walker to the ministry Dec. 26, 2010. He is a PhD student and director of admissions at Southwestern Seminary. Shown are Lauren Atkins Walker, Walker, and pastor Mickey Dalrymple. The Walkers are members of Tate Springs Church, Arlington, Tex.

2. First Church, Vicksburg, ordained four deacons Jan. 30. Shown are chairman Scotty Swillie; Brett Williams and wife Laura Beth; Steve Caldwell and wife Paige; Jonathan Boone and wife Amanda; Fred Tracy and wife Barbara; and pastor Matt Buckles.

3. A group from Ackerman Church, Ackerman, read the Bible through in 2010. Shown, front row, are Louise Howell, Marilyn Jackson, Edwina Wise, Sarah Stephenson, Carolyn Eudy, and Nell Young; back row, Joe Jones, pastor Danny Irvin, and Ben Tharp.

4. Parkway Church, Tupelo, recently ordained Kevin Tackitt to the deacon ministry. Shown are pastor Paul Brashier, Tackitt, his wife Leslie and son Dawson.

5. On Jan. 30, three sons of D. Swan Haworth, who pastored First Church, Vicksburg, from 1939-1951, were in attendance in morning worship. Shown are Rob, Richard, and David Haworth.

6. The WMU of Trinity Church, Monroe County, enjoyed a Christmas party at the Pickle Barrel celebrating their accomplishments during the year, including participating in the Buckets of Hope ministry, starting a nursing home ministry, exceeding both their Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings, and delivering 35 fruit baskets for Thanksgiving. Shown are the participants.

7. Mid-Delta Association will host On Mission Celebration, Feb. 27 to March 2. Twenty one churches will be participating. Sunday services will be at regular church times and Monday thru Wednesday at 7 pm. For more information contact the Association Office at (662) 843-8798.

8. First Church, Rose Hill, will present Youth Aware Mar. 5, 5:30 p.m. This will be a frank straight talk about how drugs can complicate the lives of youth and their families.



5. The Haworths



6. Trinity Church, Monroe County

Narcotics Division of the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, speakers; The Out Cry Band and others, music; refreshments provided.

9. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, will host the Florida Boys in concert Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received.

10. The Neshoba County Association will present a single adult rally of faith Mar. 26, 7 p.m. - until at the Warehouse on Walnut Street, Philadelphia. James Cruise, guest testimony, concert, and fellowship; door prizes and refreshments.

11. Yalobusha Association will present Y-Fest 2011 Mar. 4, 7 p.m. and Mar. 5, 6 p.m., at the Yalobusha County Multi-Purpose Building, Coffeetown, featuring the Tom Edwards Band and W. Ryan Melson. For more information, call (662) 675-8732, email yalobaptas-soc@bellsouth.net, or visit www.yalobushabaptist.org.

12. Moselle Memorial Church, Ellisville, will hold their annual wild game super Feb. 26, 5 p.m. Door prizes, including a 12-gauge shotgun, two air rifles and two game cameras will be given. Free admission. Paul Brown, speaker.

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